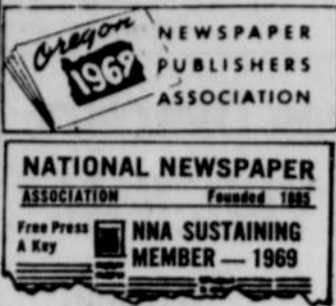


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## OFBF Says McCall Wrong In Desiring Field Burning Ban

The Oregon Farm Bureau federation today said that a statement by Governor McCall asking for a ban on agricultural field burning is inconsistent with Oregon's economic interests and efforts by the grass seed industry to control air pollution.

Over \$30 million of new wealth is created by the grass seed industry in Oregon, according to David Nelson, OFBF executive secretary. This is a renewable resource that creates an indirect benefit to the state's economy of approximately \$200 million, said Nelson, quoting economists at Oregon State university.

Producers have stated that an accelerated research program is necessary to find alternatives to burning, which is now the only cultural practice through which certain diseases can be controlled. A \$25,000 research fund is being raised by producers since a special research appropriation was not approved by the legislature.

OSU research indicates that production of fine fescue seed is reduced to one fourth to one third of the production with no burning, as contrasted to burning in early August. This loss in production efficiency would destroy the grass seed industry, Nelson charged.

He said the Farm Bureau disagrees with the governor's statement that smoke from field burning is a "threat to health". He explained that current legis-

lation (H.B. 1228) is inadequate. H. B. 1228 is a positive program by producers to control air pollution by regulating field burning with a schedule developed by the Environmental Quality Control commission, Nelson explained.

At their June 28 meeting, he said, the majority of the Environmental Quality Control commission members agreed that much more needs to be learned about conditions related to field burning and asked their staff to maintain statistical information so that revisions in the field burning schedule could be made at a later date.

A complete ban on agricultural field burning would destroy the industry and is about as practical as a complete ban on the operation of automobiles, which researchers say are the number one cause of air pollution, Nelson concluded.

### ATTEND BIBLE CAMP

AROCK — Many area children are participating in the Shiloh summer Bible camp, sponsored by the American Sunday School Union, at the 4-H camp site on Payette Lakes. The Rev. Gene Lewin is serving as conference director.

Those attending from the Arock community are Pepi and Penny Lequerica, Robert Fretwell, Alexis and Terry Madariaga. — Charlotte Elwood, reporter.

Members of the Ruth Robinson Circle of the Methodist church will meet at 2 p.m., Aug. 21 in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Wilson.

## OBITUARIES

### FRANK LASHER

APPLE VALLEY — On August 1, 1969 Mrs. Emma Moran received word of the death of her sister's husband, Frank Lasher. He had died that morning in Caldwell. Services were held the following Tuesday in that city.

Among those coming from a distance to attend the rites were Mr. and Mrs. John Gill of Medina, No. Dak. They are parents of Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Lasher. Driving the Gills here was their son, Don of Breckenridge, Minn. They arrived on Sunday.

Mrs. Frieda Barber of Raleigh, No. Carl., arrived August 9. All were guests of Mrs. Moran through the following Tuesday. Tom Moran of Boise came home on Monday. Mrs. Lydia Lasher, Lonnie and Cheryl of College Place, Wash., were also guests from Sunday through Tuesday. On August 5, Mr. and Mrs. Gates, Bob and Nancy of Auburn, Wash., arrived for the service. All were Tuesday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Moran before leaving for their homes.

### CHARLES THOMPSON

The recent death of Charles D. Thompson, 68, at Vancouver, Wash., has been reported by Nyssan Frank Sherwood. Services were conducted at Vancouver.

Mr. Thompson, a former Nyssa resident, left this area around 1930. While here he served as a postal clerk, worked as a farm laborer and assisted W. W. Foster with his bee industry.

A sister, Lizzie, was Nyssa postmistress for a number of years.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Ann Thompson and a son, David. In addition to Lizzie, who now resides in Portland, he is also survived by two other sisters.

to invest in companies whose earnings are not as high as other businesses and industries."

Therefore, the utility president emphasized, it is "imperative for Idaho Power to improve its earnings so they will compare with other industries and utilities with whom it competes for investor money."

"The simple fact is," Carlsen stated, "that Idaho Power's costs of doing business are rising faster than its revenues."

Between 1944 and 1968, he reported, Idaho Power's average revenue per kilowatt-hour from general business sales of electricity declined from 1.78 cents to 1 cent. Average revenue per kilowatt-hour for domestic service dropped from 2.28 cents to 1.72 cents in the same period.

"No other commodity in standard use today has dropped in price so remarkably for the benefit of the consumer."

At the same time that the company's revenues have declined, Carlsen said, its costs have increased at an "alarming" rate since 1961.

Idaho Power's taxes have increased 57%, he noted, while wages have gone up 40% and prices of materials and supplies 14%.

He said one of the largest increases has been in the cost of capital, with interest rates rising 80%.

"For example, the interest rate for bonds was 4 1/2% in 1961. Now, eight years later, the rate has increased to 8% and it is still rising.

The utility president said Idaho Power's taxes, which he called its biggest item of expense, have increased from nearly \$12.2 million to \$19.1 million.

"Direct taxes in 1969 will consume 30.2 cents of each dollar of operating revenue received by the company," Carlsen said, "even after Idaho ad valorem taxes are adjusted to reflect the effect of the 13-year equalization program."

Prices of materials and supplies Idaho Power uses for operation and maintenance of its system have increased "sharply" since 1961, Carlsen also reported.

As examples, he cited the prices of copper wire, up 78%; transformers, up 18%; pin-type insulators, up 39%; cedar poles, up 16%; and aluminum cable, up 15%.

To Idaho Power's regular expenses, Carlsen said, have been added two new costs.

One is the cost of migratory fish-handling facilities the company was required to install in connection with the T. E. Roach Hells Canyon development and whose operation it continues to finance. The other is the cost of extensive recreation facilities the company provides throughout its system, partly on its own initiative and

### AREA SCHOOLS

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an agent and purchase football insurance NOW! Additional information about the fees may be obtained at the NHS office.

Representatives of the Tupelo (annual) staff will be in the hall at registration time to accept payment for the Tupelo, \$4.90 with name; \$4.50 without name.

### FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES

All Nyssa area boys interested in playing football are asked to meet at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, August 17, at the high school gymnasium. Football practice will begin officially on August 25.

### ADRIAN REGISTRATIONS

Adrian high school registration is scheduled for August 27-28 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Elementary and junior high students will register September 2, the first day of school, according to Supt. Glenn A. Ward.

### NYSSA JUNIOR HIGH

Registration dates for the coming school year at Nyssa junior high school have been set to coincide with those of the high school. All seventh and eighth grade students planning to enroll this fall should register at the junior high office during any of the following registration sessions:

August 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; 1 to 5 p.m.; and 7 to 9 p.m.

August 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; and 1 to 5 p.m.

August 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; and 1 to 4 p.m.

Each student will be charged a fee of \$3.50 which should be paid at time of registration. Other optional fees are school insurance which includes coverage of all athletics, \$2; and an activity card for admittance to all high school athletic events, \$3.

### NYSSA ELEMENTARY

Pre-registration for children entering the first grade this September will be Thursday and Friday, August 21 and 22, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Primary building.

Parents are reminded to take the child's birth certificate; and that the student's physical examination should be completed and the golden-rod sheet should be sent to the county health office.

There will be a \$1.75 registration fee which will provide all of the year's supplies, except tennis shoes needed for physical education classes. The \$2 fee for school insurance may also be paid at this time.

Following is a list of supplies that will be needed by each student according to his grade level:

Primary - (Levels 3 to 8)  
 2 No. 2 pencils, pink pearl eraser, wooden ruler, wide-lined tablet, box of crayolas (16 colors), bottle of Elmer's glue (2 1/2" size), and a pair of tennis shoes.

Grades 4-5-6: 2 No. 2 pencils, red checking pencil, 2 wide-lined spiral notebooks, loose-leaf notebook (without zipper), box of crayolas (16 colors), box of Prang water colors, bottle of Elmer's glue (2 1/2" size), and pair of tennis shoes.

The Rev. and Mrs. Tom W. Foster and family of Madras are visiting this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster, and with other relatives and friends in Nyssa and Ontario. They are enroute home from a vacation trip. They spent two weeks with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Foster in North Hollywood, Calif. They also visited Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce parks and in Salt Lake City.

## BUENA VISTA NEWS

\*\*\*\*\* BY HELEN HOFFMAN - PHONE 372 - 2806 \*\*\*\*\*

BUENA VISTA - Mrs. Eugene Stephen attended the first reunion of her Parma high school class of 1942. The gathering was held Aug. 9 in Caldwell. Mrs. Naomi Galles, of Port Angeles, Wash., spent a recent day visiting Mrs. Eugene Stephen. The women are former school friends. Mrs. Galles also attended the 1942 Parma high class reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bender of Prosser, Wash., were recent overnight guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Topliff. The Bender family was enroute home from a trip to Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Topliff recently saw a new granddaughter, born Aug. 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davies of Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whipple of Boise arrived August 9 to spend the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Edith Whipple.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sisson attended a recent potluck dinner held at the Nyssa Christian church. The gathering honored a former pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Prowell who were on vacation in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Sisson also attended an ice cream social held in honor of another former pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hastings and family of Portland. This gathering was held at the Ray Strickland home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Talbot arrived August 9 from Arcadia, Calif., to spend some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Talbot. Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Talbot entertained with a dinner in their home. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Bob Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Talbot.

Mrs. Aileen Cummings and children of Pasadena, Calif., were recent houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Talbot.

Aug. 7 evening dinner guests in the Eugene Stephen home were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson and children of Lincoln, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Payne of Oakland, Calif., arrived August 2 to visit in the Guy Tanner home. Mrs. Payne and Tanner are brother and sister. Aug. 3 dinner guests in the Tanner home, were the Paynes, Alta Pekkala, and Rollo Tanner. The Californians left Aug. 5 to visit relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown recently brought Gena to spend several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen A. Brown. The Glen Browns received a recent call from their daughter, Glenda, who had just arrived in New York from a European trip. She visited fourteen countries in three weeks.

Mrs. Ed Nedrow and Jimmie, and Mrs. Warmack visited Aug. 7 with Mrs. Glen Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Conant of Colton, Calif., were Aug. 8 overnight guests in the Glen Brown home. Conant is Mrs. Brown's brother.

Mike Bowen of La Grande is spending some time with his grandmother, Mrs. Mae Bretz.

Michael McCrady, who recently moved to Portland, where he has been employed by an accounting firm. McCrady is a June 15, 1969 graduate of the University of Oregon in Eugene.

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## PERSONALS

Mrs. Virginia Rookstool of Nyssa and Mrs. John Ridder of Boise returned home August 7 from Colorado Springs where they were called due to the death of a brother, Albert Poston.

Murle Marcum returned Aug. 7 from a business trip to Chicago. He left the Boise airport July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard were July 29 visitors of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chard of Meridian. The Ewen Chards were August 3 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hikes in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Schow were July 28-30 visitors of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bybee. While here, they also visited her father, Mr. H. E. Chamberlain. Mrs. Bybee and her two grandchildren, Charlotte and Robin Froerer, who are staying with the Bybees while their mother, Mrs. Owen Froerer, is at LDS girls camp at Pine Top went to Boise Aug. 5, when they picked up two more grandchildren, Shawn and Doug Bybee of Brigham City, Utah. That evening Shawn and Doug, Charlotte, Robin and Craig attended the Aug. 8 performance of the Caldwell rodeo.

Mrs. E. L. McCrady left July 28 for Provo, Utah to be with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dennis McCrady, who was seriously ill. She returned Aug. 5 and reports Mrs. McCrady is recovering nicely. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCrady attended the Aug. 9 evening wedding of their nephew, Clifford Nielsen. The ceremony was performed in the Methodist church in Ontario.



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